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CVCC Announces Exibition Opening

"But What do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American War? The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people . . . This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people was the real American Revolution."

John Adams to Hezekiah Niles, February 1818

Central Virginia Community College announces the opening of the exhibition **In The Minds and Hearts of the People:** Prologue to the American Revolution 1760-1774. The exhibition is being circulated by the Traveling Exhibition Service of the Smithsonian Institution and will be on view from Aug. 2 to Sept. 19, 1976.

The title of the exhibition which was taken from the quote above by John Adams portrays a crucial time in our country's history. It was a time when the ferment of revolution was just a burning desire in the minds of the people. Throughout the thirteen colonies the first rumbles of discontent were being sounded. Americans were beginning to realize that they had their own separate identities. Events which took place between 1760-1774 convinced the colonists that there was no turning back. A spark had been lit; it was all that was needed to ignite both the minds and hearts of the American people.

The original exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution National Portrait Gallery contained over 65 paintings and various artifacts.

The traveling version of the exhibit includes 30 wood-framed formica panels onto which facsimiles of documents, portraits, and illustrations are mounted. Among the important figures are: Allan Ramsay's full length portrait of George III in his coronation robe; painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds, (including portraits of Sir Jeffery Amherst and Charles Townshend; paintings by Charles Wilson Peale; paintings by John Singleton Copley, some which come from the famous collection of the Roston Museum of Fine Arts . . . among them Paul Revere, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and the Copley family.

The special focus of the exhibition is biographic. This view of pre-Revolutionary America offers the opportunity to understand what the thoughts and actions were behind our country's foremost patriots. The exhibit is a fine tribute to those colonists that help formulate opinions and sentiments which led to the birth of our nation.

This exhibit at CVCC is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.., each weekday, in the Bedford Learning Resources Building on the College's campus. The Student Government and the Bicentennial Committee of the College are the cosponsors of this facinating graphic display.

For further information, contact Benjamin W. Wright, Jr., Associate Professor of History and Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee at 804-239-0321, Ext. 262.

THOMAS M RICHARDSON is shown (left above) receiving gold wrist watch from John Griffin, Manager Farmville District, Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company, on the occasion of his retirement.

Richardson began work with Home Beneficial January 31, 1944 and for the past 23 years was Staff Manager.

He is married to the former Mildred Carter and they are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Catherine Beale of Culpeper, Mrs. Cynthia Megginson of Richmond, and Mrs. Jane Barnwell of Rocky Mount, NC. They have five grandchildren.

Richardson plans in retirement to continue hobbies of traveling and woodworking.

Beckham

Mrs.Paul Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Burge and family recently went to Roanoke to Mill Mountain Zoo.

Miss Eunice Martin is visiting Mrs. Josephine Duncan and family of Martinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin visited Mr. H. C. Martin on Sunday evening. Mr. Kermit Driskill and Mr. Earl Martin visited in this home on Saturday.

Mr. Ronnie Morris and Miss Carolyn Morris motored to Richmond for today.

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COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1976

Evangelical Experiences

Scripture: Acts 8:4-19; 10:1-48; 19:8-20; Romans 8:1-9a; 1 John 3:1-3

By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Alternate periods of great spiritual vitality and deadening spiritual apathy have marked the history of Christianity. The Church was launched in an evangelistic campaign at Pentecost. It settled into complacency in Jerusalem, only to be aroused by persecution. Then came the thrilling missionary ventures in which Philip, Peter, Paul and their associates proved heroes of the faith.

Christian history is not to be interpreted, however, as a succession of waves or mountains and valleys. Even in periods of spiritual apathy there have believers, a faithful remnant, to keep the faith and to work at being Christian. And in eras of quickening revival there have been those in the Church who have held aloof and put obstacles in the way.

Even spiritual vitality yields to complacency, and complacency soon settles down into lethargy. The Church goes on momentum generated in the past, as it fails to arouse spiritual interests. Rich and vital spiritual experiences have not only quickened Christianity in the past, but they also encourage the hope that they will again be felt in the future. Just as a dedicated remnant keeps a vital Christianity alive during periods of prevailing spiritual apathy, so God raises up prophets to lead in revivals in the Church in the midst of most unlikely situations. As we undertake to pinpoint the beginnings of periods of revival, however, we find that the roots go much farther back, in the patient work and hope of the remnant.

The most vital experience in the history of American Christianity was the Great Awakening in the four decades prior to the Revolution. But it had its origins in developments of Pietism in Germany, in the late 17th century, under the leadership of the Lutheran minister Philip Jacob Spener. Spener sought to recover the spirit of the Reformation revival after a deadly orthodoxy had become dominant in German Protestantism, both Lutheran and Reformed. He encouraged intensive Bible study, cultivation of the devotional life, and the application of Christian principles in a ministry of service to mankind. While Pietism came into flower in the writings and preaching of Spener, he had predecessors who linked him with Luther through the period of spiritual apathy. Nor did the Protestant Reformation have its first expression when Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenburg. The Waldensians in Italy, John Wyclif in England, John Hus in Bohemia were forerunners of the Reformation.

The Austrian nobleman, Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, grew up under Pietist influence. This explains his desire to establish a Christian community, which he did on his estate in Saxony, Herrnhut - "shelter of the Lord." To join him and other Germans there came persecuted followers of John Hus from Moravia, who gave the name Moravian to the community. These were molded into a true "Unity of Brethren" by Zinzendorf as he practiced principles of Pietism.

In Georgia (in America) and again back in England, a young Anglican priest, John Wesley, was profoundly influenced by the spirit and practice of these devout people. Out of this contact Wesley experienced a conversion which led him to take the Gospel out of the churches to where the people were, and in Wesley's extensive evangelistic ministry the Methodist Church had its beginnings.

The preaching of one of Wesley's associates, George Whitefield, is regarded as launching the Great Awakening. But there were predecessors, as Jonathan Edwards in New England and William Tennent in Pennsylvania, earnest preachers who were Pietistic in principle and practice. The Great Awakening and subsequent revivals were characterized by strongly Biblical preaching and an earnest emphasis on the Scriptures as a guide to faith and a rule for practice. Though critical of and criticized by orthodox officialdome, they were profundly orthodox in their loyalty to Biblical teaching. There is no greater testimony to the vitality of the Bible than the realization that every vital revival has its source in the Scriptures and is characterized by Biblical preaching. They are marked, too, by the wholehearted dedication of those engaged in the work of renewal, which refreshes the Church for its on-going task.

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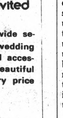

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Rocks

AUGUST 2 - So thankful for the wonderful showers last week. Farmers may start cutting tobacco this week.

A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Lockie Martin who has pneumonia.

Mrs. Pauline Baldwin of Farmville stopped by to see Cassie Baldwin Tuesday morning enroute home from Lynchburg.

A number of the Fellowship Sunday School Class were visiting in the Wooldridge Rest Home on Tuesday night.

A number called to see Mrs. Carrie Richardson on Tuesday night. They met to save the butterbeans for her.

A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Vina Kress who is in a Smith County Hospital at Marion, Va.

Lloyd Richardson was sick one day last week. He was on duty the next day.

A new quartet rendered special music at Rocks Sunday night, composed of Jane Almond, Vicki Reed, Cindy Roach and Gary Wagner.

Joe Almond and Ted Almond went to Keysville Sunday afternoon to see their brother, Harry, at the Ranson's Nursing Home.

A speedy recovery is wished the editor, Lloyd Vaughan, of the Times-Virginian, who was in the hospital last week.

Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Donald Wagner, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday night.

Rev. and Mrs. C. V. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, of Winston-Salem, N.C., spent a few days with Rev. and Mrs. Donald Wagner.

The young people went to Holiday Lake Sunday morning to conduct the worship service there.

Joe Maxwell and son, Joey, of Springfield, Mo., arrived Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach spent the week end in Waynesboro with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams and Steve.

Mrs. Ruth Caldwell and Mrs. Kirkie Hamlin were visiting Cassie Baldwin of Pamplin on Tuesday night.

David Almond hurt his foot while playing ball on Saturday night.

A speedy recovery is wished him.

Harry Almond is at the Ranson's Nursing Home at Keysville, Va.

A speedy recovery is wished Otis Ranson, who continues sick. He is going to Charlottesville for treatments.

It was good to have Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond back at church Sunday after being sick since on vacation.

Ken Caldwell had a birthday on Sunday also Otis Ranson and Clyde Webber.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore left last Monday for West Virginia for a few days before returning to their home in New York.

The Rocks Extension Homemakers Club family picnic will be held on August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Richardson's, Pamplin, Va. Bring a covered dish.

Rev. Otis Smith was guest speaker at Rocks Church Sunday night.

Rev. James Massey, of Richmond, will be our guest speaker at Rocks on Sunday, August 8.

Pamplin

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Colonial Heights visited relatives last Friday, also attended Mr. Wood's 38th class reunion at Longwood College Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nicholson of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. have returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wheeler of Lynchburg visited friends last Wednesday.

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Adams from Charlotte County.

Mrs. Olivia Wilkerson of Roxboro, N. C. spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Payne, Darlington Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White and family have returned to their home in Chesapeake, Md. After a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell White of Lynchburg visited her mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hamlett last Sunday.

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